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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant provides the following response to Examiner's Final Office Action dated 09/29/98.

Terminal Disclaimer

To overcome certain rejections, a <u>Terminal Disclaimer</u> is attached hereto, as is a check (#4171) for the required fee.

Provisional Amendment B

In the event Examiner were to remain unpersuaded by the following Remarks, a <u>Provisional Amendment B</u> is attached hereto, as is a check (#4170) for \$1125 for the required fee.

REMARKS

Examiner rejected claims 10-11, 18-20, 45-46, 48, and 53-62 over various claims of Applicant's Patent No. 5,498,938 ('938) as representing obviousness-type double patenting or, in case of claims 10-11, 45, 52, 55, 59 and 65, as representing plain double patenting.

Although he is convinced that Examiner is wrong with respect to his obviousness-type double patenting rejections, and especially with respect to his plain double patenting rejections, in order to pave the way for timely allowance of all claims and to avoid the very costly/destructive delay associated with going through appeal, Applicant is willing to compromise as follows.

Applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer with respect to his patent No. 5,498,938 ('938), thereby directly permitting Examiner to allow all the claims rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.